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4. Relief from paragraph 6 of the scheduling order is GRANTED permitting motions to be filed on or before **August 29, 2012**.

5. At the request of the parties, a Settlement Conference will be conducted on February 28, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the chambers of Magistrate Judge Adler. Counsel shall submit settlement statements directly to Magistrate Judge Adler's chambers no later than February 21, 2012. The parties may either submit confidential settlement statements or may exchange their settlement statements. Each party's settlement statement shall set forth the party's statement of the case, identify controlling legal issues, concisely set out issues of liability and damages, and shall set forth the party's settlement position, including the last offer or demand made by that party, and a separate statement of the offer or demand the party is prepared to make at the Settlement Conference. The settlement conference briefs shall not be filed with the Clerk of the Court.

All named parties, all counsel, and any other person(s) whose authority is required to negotiate and enter into settlement shall appear <u>in person</u> at the conference. The <u>individual(s)</u> present at the Settlement Conference with settlement authority must have the <u>unfettered discretion</u> and authority on behalf of the party to: 1) fully explore all settlement options and to agree during the Settlement Conference to any settlement terms acceptable to the party (*G. Heileman Brewing Co., Inc. v. Joseph Oat Corp.*, 871 F.2d 648, 653 (7th Cir. 1989)), 2) change the settlement position of a party during the course of the Mandatory Settlement Conference (*Pitman v. Brinker Int'l, Inc.*, 216 F.R.D. 481, 485-86 (D. Ariz. 2003)), and 3) negotiate a settlement without being restricted by any predetermined level of authority (*Nick v. Morgan's Foods, Inc.*, 270 F.3d 590, 596 (8th Cir. 2001)).

Governmental entities may appear through litigation counsel only. As to all other parties, appearance by litigation counsel only is <u>not</u> acceptable. Retained outside corporate counsel <u>shall</u> <u>not</u> appear on behalf of a corporation as the party who has the authority to negotiate and enter

¹Statements under 20 pages in length, including attachments and exhibits, may be delivered directly to chambers, e-mailed to efile_adler@casd.uscourts.gov, or faxed to (619) 702-9939. Statements exceeding 20 pages in length, including attachments and exhibits, must be delivered directly to chambers.

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Mandatory Settlement Conference as required shall be cause for the immediate imposition of sanctions. All conference discussions will be informal, off the record, privileged, and confidential.

To accommodate the changes that were requested by the parties, the Scheduling Order is further modified as follows:

- 6. The Mandatory Settlement Conference is continued from July 30, 2012 at 10 a.m. to November 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the chambers of Magistrate Judge Adler. Counsel shall submit settlement statements directly to Magistrate Judge Adler's chambers no later than November 8, 2012.
- 7. The deadline for parties to comply with the pretrial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) is continued to **December 10, 2012**.
- 8. The deadline for the parties to filed and serve their Memorandum of Contentions of Fact and Law and take any other action required by Local Rule 16.1.f.2 is continued to December 10, 2012.
- 9. The deadline for counsel to confer and take the action required by Local Rule 16.1.f.4.a is continued to **December 17, 2012**.
- 10. The deadline for Plaintiff's counsel to provide opposing counsel with the proposed pretrial order for review and approval and take any other action required by Local Rule 16.1.f.6.a is continued to **December 24, 2012**.
- 11. The deadline for written objections, if any, to any party's Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) pretrial disclosures to be filed and served is continued to **December 24, 2012**.
- 12. The Pretrial Order shall be lodged with the district judge's chambers on or before **December 31, 2012** and shall be in the form prescribed in Local Rule 16.1.f.6.c.
- 13. The final Pretrial Conference is continued from September 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. to January 7, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. The trial date will be assigned by the Honorable Roger T. Benitez at the pretrial conference.

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- 14. The dates and times set forth herein will not be modified except for good cause shown.
- 15. Plaintiff's counsel shall serve a copy of this order and the Scheduling Order on all parties that enter this case hereafter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 4, 2012

an/M. Adler

U.S. Magistrate Judge